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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to independent expenditures in campaigns and
2 providing for a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **68A.404A Independent expenditures**
2 **— tax benefits — penalty.**

3 1. A person or entity making an independent expenditure or
4 providing funds to another entity for the purpose of making
5 an independent expenditure shall not be eligible to receive
6 a tax benefit or program incentive that is offered by the
7 state or any of its political subdivisions and that is not
8 made generally available if the person or entity has made
9 an independent campaign expenditure of seven hundred fifty
10 dollars or more in the aggregate in any calendar year within
11 the previous five years.

12 2. A person or entity receiving a tax benefit or program
13 incentive that is offered by the state or any of its political
14 subdivisions and that is not made generally available shall
15 be disqualified from receiving any tax benefit or program
16 incentive for five years if the person or entity makes an
17 independent campaign expenditure described in subsection 1.
18 If the person or entity is currently receiving such a benefit
19 or incentive, the benefit or incentive shall be terminated
20 effective on the date of the independent campaign expenditures.

21 3. The board shall post to an internet site, on a quarterly
22 basis, a list of all persons or entities making independent
23 expenditures and shall provide the list to the secretary of
24 state. The secretary of state shall provide the list to all
25 state and local government bodies for which candidate elections
26 are held.

27 4. A person or entity violating the provisions of section
28 68A.404 or this section shall be penalized by the board in an
29 amount not to exceed the amount of the independent expenditure.

30 5. This section does not apply to ballot issue elections.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill prohibits a person from receiving a state or
33 local tax benefit or program incentive that is not generally
34 available if the person has made an independent campaign
35 expenditure of \$750 or more in the aggregate in any calendar

1 year within the previous five years.

2 The bill requires that the campaign finance and disclosure
3 board publish a list on the internet of all persons or entities
4 making independent expenditures.

5 The bill provides that a person violating Code section
6 68A.404 or the provisions of this bill shall be penalized in an
7 amount not to exceed the amount of the independent expenditure.